

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004. Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4.

By the present amendment, the Title has been amended to be more descriptive of the claimed invention (noting that the present claims are directed to a method). Also, a new Abstract is added which also correlates more closely with the presently claimed invention. In addition, the drawings have been amended to include the numeral 10 in Fig. 21, in response to the objection set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, removal of the objections set forth in paragraph (i) on page 3 of the Office Action is respectfully requested.

Also by the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the suggestion made at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, this amendment serves to overcome set forth in the last two paragraphs of the Office Action. Therefore, entry of the amendment and removal of the objections is also respectfully requested.


By virtue of the present amendment, all of the issues addressed in the Office Action have been attended to. Therefore, allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 520.37386VC2), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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FIG. 21

